

**Lea & Cleverton Parish Council**

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Minutes of the **Lea & Cleverton Parish Council** meeting held on the **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022** in the Church Room at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs S Masson, C Pope, D Maidment, N Maidment, S Suter & S Carroll

**Also present:** Claire Mann (Parish Clerk) Elizabeth Threlfall & 4 members of the Public

**18/22 To receive apologies for absence**

All members were present

**19/22 To receive declarations of interest**

None.

**20/22 To receive any public questions**

Christopher Daws stated that there are concerns over the siting of Celia’s Play-House and branches that land there. He also noted that residents have concerned over trees that are infected with Ash Die Back, the tree report that Mr Daws had put together was discussed.

**21/22 To receive Chairman’s comments**

Cllr Masson expressed many thanks to;

- the continuing work of Cllr Carroll’s Rights of Way group – improving and discussing footpath and stile improvements with local landowners.
- the JPF Tree Review Group under the supervision of Stuart Suter
- Cllr Pope for his work on Highways and attending the Malmesbury Area Group meeting to keep us aware of local matters among the 18 local parishes.

The Ukraine fundraising tea party held earlier this month at very short notice raised £2000! Congratulations and many thanks to organisers Tamsyn Luggar and Margaret Knight and their helpers, not to mention all those who provided marvellous cakes.

The Annual Parish Meeting has been provisionally scheduled on a Saturday rather than a Tuesday evening in the hope that more people will attend – it is a legal requirement that the meeting must start after 6pm and the village hall has been booked from 4-8pm in the hope that people will attend for tea and cakes from 4pm and chat informally beforehand.

Cllr Masson is very pleased to receive communications from Parishioners;

- Phillip Atkins re QPJ in June
- Alison Hiscox re the verge on The Street bordering the JPF.
- Sheena Forrest has kindly agreed to be the JPF liaison representative reporting to the PC
- This year’s Pimms evening will be on 16th July – kindly hosted by Phil Yates at his home.

The grass cutting contract has been renewed for 2 years with the previous contractor as per the email distributed to parish councillors – on discussion with others in this line of business it would be very hard to beat the price we have been offered in spite of a small increase.

It is hoped that The Association of Jewish Refugees 80 year Kindertransport commemorative oak planting ceremony, in collusion with the Queens Platinum Jubilee Tree Canopy project, will take place at the school at a convenient time after the work there has been completed – hopefully in September.

We were sorry that Jenny Pugh had to resign from the LCPC due to increased work commitments but thank her for her worthwhile contribution during her term in office. Wilts Council have advertised the position.

Our Parish Clerk Claire Mann has also had to resign due to increased work commitment at Malmesbury Town Council and we are now in the process of advertising for a replacement. Many thanks to Claire for her work as Parish Clerk and her offer to help with the Village Hall Committee in future. We will be advertising for a new clerk in the very near future.

The above articles on the parish clerk, annual parish meeting will appear in the next Lea & Garsdon Newsletter, together with others on dog walking this summer, use of the Lea village defibrillator, and details from Cllr Suter

**22/22 To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record

**23/22 To receive report from Cllr Threlfall, Wiltshire Council**

Cllr Threlfall reported that car parking charges in the County will increase to subsidise Bus Services.

Rebecca Chivers (WC Highways) has visited the Village to view white line requirements.

There is no result yet from the Traffic Surveys at the Spinney & The Crescent. Road visibility by the substation at The Spinney is a major issue and a solution is sought.

**24/22 To consider issue of pedestrian safety along the Street bordering the Jubilee Playing Field**

It was noted that the issue has been raised by a Parishioner. Following discussion it was resolved that the gateway would be reinstated at the far end, the Parish Clerk will forward the request to Wiltshire Council.

**25/22 To consider Playing Field Tree Report**

Cllr Suter reported that the review group had been formed following the last meeting. It was resolved that the proposed Action Plan would be implemented and that a specialist would be employed to move the Action Plan forwards.

- 26/22      **To consider the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations; ideas put forward thus far and appoint coordinator**
- Cllr Masson stated that volunteers have come forwards to coordinate an event at the Jubilee Playing Field. Gill Smith has also suggested a cake baking competition.
- Two members of the public left the meeting*
- 27/22      **To consider way forward with traffic issues in Cleverton**
- Cllr Masson will look into further to provide more information
- 28/22      **To approve minutes of the Planning meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**
- The Clerk required clarification on the comment to be submitted to WC, minutes to be approved at future meeting.
- 29/22      **To consider planning applications received**
- PL/2022/01556 – Mayday Cottage  
Following discussion it was resolved that members had **no objection** to the application
- 30/22      **To note planning applications determined**
- Cllr Suter asked Cllr Threlfall if there had been any development with the application at Winkworth Gate; there has not.
- 31/22      **To receive current financial report**
- The report was noted.
- 32/22      **To receive update on the Footpaths Working Group and to confirm name & logo (Cllr Carroll)**
- It was resolved that Garsdon will be included in the name of the group and the circular logo which contained the writing was chosen by members. Cllr Carroll reported that the Spring Plan is moving forwards.
- 33/22      **To receive verbal update from Cllr Pope on LHFIG (formerly CATG) issues**
- Cllr Pope had met with Rebecca Chivers and will circulate correspondence. Cllr Pope has also contacted the Police & Commissioner with reference to speeding at The Spinney. A Speed Indicator Device was thought to be a consideration for speeding issues in The Street.
- 34/22      **To note resignation of Parish Clerk and determine way forwards.**
- It was agreed that an advert would be sent to WALC and that members would contact other local Parish Clerks.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm